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Brentwood Borough Local Plan

Strategic Growth Options Consultation

January 2015

Consultation questionnaire

This consultation questionnaire relates to the Brentwood Local Plan Strategic Growth Options Consultation and is provided for you to make comments. Please take the opportunity to read the consultation document before filling in this form and returning to:

Planning Policy Team, Brentwood Borough Council Town Hall, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 8AY
or by email to **planning.policy@brentwood.gov.uk**

Comments need to be received by 5pm on Tuesday 17 February 2015

If you need any help completing this form please contact the Planning Policy Team using the contact details given above or by telephoning 01277 312620.

Personal Details

Questions

The Council is seeking responses on key issues. Focused questions appear in bold boxes throughout the Strategic Growth Options document. These questions are summarised in this consultation questionnaire. More information can be found at **www.brentwood.gov.uk/localplan**.

Please use an additional sheet if necessary. Please note that all responses will be published online.



Q1: Do you agree with the broad areas, for the purpose of considering approaches to growth?

Yes No

Comments

Although I agree with the 3 broad areas development should be focused on the A12 /A127 corridor, Brentwood Town Centre, Shenfield and West Hordon developments.

This would protect our precious Green Belt North of the borough (Figure 6a) which has insufficient infrastructure to cope with anymore development, housing, retail or industrial. Local roads are used by farm vehicles which would cause disruption to the traffic flow and the A414 is already heavily congested.



Q2: Do you agree with the issues raised within each of these areas?

Yes No

Comments

The issues regarding areas B, the A12 corridor and C, the A127 corridor I agree with,

However area A, North of the borough I agree with the issues apart from extending the boundaries of the villages by releasing green belt on the edge of the villages.

Also, with regards to area A although local roads do provide access to the A414 then onto M11 and Chelmsford these roads are used constantly by farm traffic, cyclists, runners and horse riders and any additional traffic would be extremely hazardous



Q3: Do you have any comments on the appropriateness of particular sites? Yes No

Comments

- a) Expanding urban areas such as Brentwood, Shenfield and West Horndon make sense as this is where transport links (train, bus and road) are most efficient and local amenities, shops, leisure facilities

are located. This would have the added benefit of reducing air pollution as less car miles would be made.

b) Building on green belt is detrimental to everybody as this is the 'lungs' of communities. Everyone enjoys our countryside and to build on the existing green belt would deprive everyone of this and make all our communities the same. Villages and village life would be gone forever.

c) Consideration must be given to conservation areas. Blackmore has a large conservation area and must be preserved.

Suggested/proposed sites that are in conservation areas should automatically be disregarded. For example sites 202 and 052.

These are both in the historic centre which includes the 900 year old Church of St Laurence with its wooden bell tower which is the oldest in England

Additionally sites immediately adjacent or, very close to, conservation areas should also be disregarded for development as this would impact these areas.



Q4: Given the greater capacity for growth along the A127 corridor, which of the sites put forward do you think is the best location for growth?

Comments

The A127 corridor as it already has suitable infrastructure to sustain growth and absorb a great level of housing and industrial development.



Q5: Should the A12 corridor accommodate growth by releasing sites on the edge of urban areas?

Yes No

Comments

The A12 has good links to M25 and the A12 corridor has capacity to absorb growth.



Q6: In order to provide for local need is it preferable for Greenfield sites on the edge of villages to be released, or to develop brownfield sites (both within the Green Belt)?

Comments

It is preferable to develop Brown field sites with the exception of those sites that are designated brownfield but only have barns or farm buildings on them.

However, this question is a bit of a 'double edged sword'. I believe greenfield sites and villages as a whole should be preserved for the whole Brentwood community to enjoy. Developing brownfield sites, although he lesser of two evils, takes away the character of villages.



Q7: To enable future employment need to be met do you agree that the most sustainable approach is to allocate new sites close to the strategic highway network?

Yes No

Comments

It is important to allocate new sites close to the main road network (A12/A127/M25), rail stations and bus networks.

It should also be noted when planning for the employment needs that there is a high level of the Brentwood population prefer to work in London.



Q8: In order to ensure that the Town Centre remains economically sustainable, do you agree that a "Town Centre First" approach should be taken to retail development?

Yes No

Comments

Having retail outlets in one area makes for an easier and more enjoyable shopping experience/environment. It's also good for competition.

Also the transport links are already there along with car parking facilities. Villiages, like Blackmore, have the need for a local shop and Post Office (as it has now) which meet local needs but do not need more shops or big developments.

? Q9: Are there opportunities for more open space provision in the area where you live? Yes No

Comments
Blackmore has sufficient open space provision for it's current population.

? County Wildlife Site

Aspect:	Very Low	Low	Average	High	Very High
Scenic Beauty / Attractivness 5					5
Outdoor Recreation / Leisure Use 5					5
Wildlife Interest 5					5
Historic Interest 5					5
Tranquility 5					5
Other – please specify: 5					
There is a 900 year old historic church with the oldest wooden steeple in the country. Blackmore is a great tourist attraction which benefits visitors. There are 25 Listed buildings and Country Wild Life Sites. It also has conservation areas					5

? Q11: To what extent do you think the following are present in the landscape near where you live (on a scale of 1 to 4):

Aspect:	Absent	Occasional	Frequent	Predominant
Houses 3			3	
Commercial / Industrial buildings 2		2		
Nature Reserves / Wildlife 4				4
Farmland 4				4

Woodland 3			3	
Degraded / Derelict / Waste land 1	1			
Infrastructure (Road / Rail / Pylons etc.) 2		2		
Leisure / Recreation Facilities 3				4
Other – please specify: Flood plain (Fig 15) Blackmore Wooded Farmland/ Heritage (Fig 16)				4

? Q12: Have we considered the main infrastructure issues? Are there other important issues to consider? Yes No

Comments

There doesn't seem to be much on the effect of infrastructure build on green belt and local/rural communities

? Q13: What do you think the priorities for infrastructure spending should be?

Comments

Links into/out of Brentwood/Shenfield/West Horndon town centres and the A12/A127 corridors where the majority of the development should take place

Note: It is difficult to comment fully on some questions as there are several studies not yet completed as detailed on page 6 of The Strategic Growth Options Consultation document paragraph 1.13

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

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